

CHAPTER 268

(Senate Bill 528)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 425A of Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Caroline County", sub-title "Plumbing", as such section was enacted by Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1961, relating to the Plumbing Board of Caroline County, deleting requirement that compensation of Board members must be paid from fees of plumbing license applicants, removing limitation on the amount of the license and other fees and allowing the Board to establish the amount of such fees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 425A of Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Caroline County", sub-title "Plumbing", as such section was enacted by Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1961, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

425A. In the discretion of the County Commissioners, there may be created in Caroline County a Caroline County Plumbing Board, which shall consist of three members. One of the members shall be a licensed Master Plumber residing in Caroline County and shall be appointed annually by the County Commissioners. The remaining two members of the Board shall be one of the County Commissioners appointed by said County Commissioners and the Caroline County Health Officer, none of whom shall receive any additional compensation for their services under this section. The members of the Board shall appoint an Inspector of Plumbing, who shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed from time to time by the Caroline County Commissioners [], which said compensation shall be paid from the fees of applicants for certificates or permits, and shall not exceed the sum or sums so collected. No permit fee for inspection and installation in any dwelling house or building used for commercial purposes, not including structures used for manufacturing purposes, shall exceed the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) [].

The Plumbing Board shall have the authority and the duty to create a system of rules and regulations, *including the establishment of fees for inspection, permits and licenses* and submit for adoption said rules and regulations to the County Commissioners. No specifications made by said Board in any rules or regulations adopted by it shall exceed those established by the State Plumbing Code. Prior to the adoption of said rules and regulations they shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in each of the Caroline County newspapers. The said Commissioners shall provide for a public hearing on said rules and regulations and shall publish notice of the day and time of said hearing with the rules and regulations aforesaid. The purpose of the hearing is to have the Commissioners obtain the benefit of the public views and opinions prior to final adoption.

The rules and regulations aforesaid shall have no application, and the Plumbing Board shall have no authority to control, the plumbing system of any property owner who shall install or work on his own plumbing system. Except that the connecting of such a system to a public water system or public sewer system must be done